

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**

**SNOQUALMIE CITY HALL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
38624 SE RIVER STREET, SNOQUALMIE, WA 98065**

| Position | Commission Members: | Email: | Present |
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| 1 | Luke Marusiak, Spacelabs | lmarusiak@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |
| 2 | Larry Fischer | lfischer@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | -- |
| 3 | Rob Wotton, Umpqua Bank | rwotton@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |
| 4 | Joey MacArthur, Wild Hare Vintage | jmacarthur@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | -- |
| 5 | Carolyn Simpson, Commission Chair, Snoq. Valley Chamber | csimpson@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |
| 6 | Tom Parker, Snoqualmie Valley Hospital | tomp@snoqualmiehospital.org | X |
| 7 | Bobbi Harrison, John L. Scott | bharrison@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |
| * | Susan Husa, Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce | susan@snovalley.org | -- |
| * | Brad Toft, City Council Liaison | btoft@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |

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| * | Mark Hofman, Community Development Director | mhofman@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |
| * | Lizzy Billington, Economic Development Consultant | Billington.lizzy@gmail.com | X |
| * | Joan Pliego, Communications Coordinator | jpliego@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us | X |

** Non-voting*

A. CALL TO ORDER 8:06 A.M.

Also in attendance:

Mayor Larson
Wendy Thomas, Carmichael's True Value
Bob Sterbank, City Attorney
Nicholase Lee, Chief Finance Officer

B. GUEST DISCUSSIONS / PRESENTATIONS

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

New Businesses

Lizzy Billington, Events and Economic Development Consultant, City of Snoqualmie

The Glass & Bottle Bistro has new owners. They will be expanding into the space next door, which used to be Ruby's Salon.

There are going to be meetings for the Snoqualmie Ridge Marketplace merchants to prepare for the opening of the new retail area (Safeway, Bartell Drugs, etc.) to understand the benefits and challenges, and to ask questions.

The downtown merchants have decided to form a non-profit association. They are developing a five-year plan to focus on increasing property values (exterior improvements), business values, marketing, and events. They will eventually apply to become a Main Street Community. The board is open to not only merchants, but also others that can contribute particular strengths, such as educators and business professionals.

Snoqualmie Valley Job Fair

Lizzy Billington, Events and Economic Development Consultant, City of Snoqualmie

Date and Time: Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

Coordinators: Lizzy Billington, Susan Husa (Chamber), and Jill Green (hospital)

There will be up to 25 vendors. The cost is \$85 per booth. Businesses will consist of those in the upper Snoqualmie Valley. The event will be marketed to the general public, schools, colleges, public channels, and media.

Interim Location for Chamber of Commerce / Visitor Information Center

Rob Wotton, Commission Member

Potential locations are being researched. Timing and funding is being discussed.

Downtown Kiosk

Bobbi Harrison, Commission Member

Bobbi Harrison is going to check with the King County Parks carpenters about a price to install a kiosk in downtown Snoqualmie. This will be discussed further at the November 2016 commission meeting.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Conditional Certification - Update

Mark Hofman, Community Development Director

On October 3, 2016, the cities of Snoqualmie, North Bend, and Covington will meeting King County and the Puget Sound Regional Council for further discussions of the certification. There are many strategies to pursue for this issue depending on how each step rolls out. The concern is the balance of jobs, housing, and transportation. Note: No Snoqualmie development projects are being affected as of this date.

Water Rights

Bob Sterbank, City Attorney

Water rights that the City has now are sufficient for completion of the build out of Snoqualmie RidgeII, business park expansion, Salish expansion, Mount Si High School, and downtown development. The mill site still has to go through a master site planning process, which will include the need to secure water resources.

Local Gaming

Bob Sterbank, City Attorney

Gaming is not prevented for the Salish expansion, however the current owner has indicated that it is not part of the plan. Their interest is in preserving the brand of the Salish Lodge & Spa and they don't see gaming being inconsistent with that. If they were to pursue gaming, approvals would be needed through the state and federal government because it would be off-reservation.

D. ONGOING PRIORITIES

The following items are City Council goals to be actively supported by the Economic Development Commission. They do not

1. Council Goal 1, Item 1 – Five recommendations for downtown development
2. Council Goal 3, Item 1 – Higher education institution
3. Council Goal 3, Item 2 – Affordable housing

Event:

Affordable Housing Forum 3: September 28, 2 – 5 p.m.
Umpqua Community Room, 146 West Second, North Bend
Open to the public

2 p.m. The Case for Affordable Housing
3 p.m. Methodology
4 p.m. Vision for the Future

4. Council Goal 7, Item 1 – Public transportation

E. NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS

No discussion.

F. ADJOURNMENT – 10:05 A.M.

Meeting recordings and reference documents:

<http://www.ci.snoqualmie.wa.us/CityGovernment/CommissionsBoards/EconomicDevelopmentCommission.aspx>

Meeting Agenda Items for October 19, 2016:

Continuing discussion items plus:

Sigillo Cellars Expansion, Mike and Ryan Seal (confirmed)

Riverwalk Presentation, Mark Hofman

Comprehensive Plan Status Update, Mark Hofman

Wayfinding Signs, Mark Hofman

Industry Cluster Recruitment, Mark Hofman

Meteting Agenda for November:

Continuing discussion items plus:

Downtown Kiosk, Bobbi Harrison

Save Snoqualmie with Jennifer McKeown